

Locality: OAKINGTON, no specific provenance

NGR: TL 415645 (general record for parish)

HER Ref: 08177

Catchment: Cam

Terrace: Unknown

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Unknown

Material: A very rolled pointed handaxe (Wymer F b/I, L110mm) comes from an unknown site within the parish. The CHER suggests that this is the one described by Clark (1938), with the Museum Accession Number C1901.71

Dating: Unknown

Location: Cambridge (Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology)

References:

Clark, J. G. D. 1938. Early Man. The Palaeolithic or Old Stone Age. *Victoria County History of Cambridgeshire* 1:247-254.

Marr, J. E. 1926. The Pleistocene Deposits of the Lower Part of the Great Ouse Basin. With appendix by A. S. Kennard and B. B. Woodward on the non-marine mollusca. *Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society of London* 82:101-43. (p 113)

Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks., 77

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: OAKINGTON, 71 Longstanton Road

NGR: TL 40756459

HER Ref: 11065

Catchment: Cam

Terrace: Unknown

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Found on the surface of a field to the rear of 71 Longstanton Road by Mr. Warboys ca. 1970.

Material: A single grey flint handaxe of ficron type, with missing tip and recent damage to one edge. It has been made on a flake The find is in rolled condition

Dating: Unknown

Location: Presumed to be in the hands of the finder

References:

HER, information communicated to Alison Taylor whilst engaged in visiting an AS burial site on the recreation ground

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: OAKINGTON, no specific provenance

NGR: TL 42196469

HER Ref: MCB16267

Catchment: Cam

Terrace: Unknown

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Unknown

Material: A handaxe with cortex on one edge. Stained orange, some recent damage revealing black/grey flint core. L 124mm, W 67mm Th 29mm

Dating: None

Location: Unknown

References:

CHER: T Reynolds Index Cards

Locality: OAKINGTON, near stream in ploughed field

NGR: TL 423647 (A)

HER Ref: -

Catchment: Cam

Terrace: Found on alluvium between gravels of terraces 3 and 4

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Presumably a surface find

Material: Handaxe

Dating: Unclear, although Terraces 3 and 4 represent MIS 12-11.

Location: In the hands of the finder

References:

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: **OFFORD CLUNY**
(See **BUCKDEN**, Offord Pit)

NGR: TL 215675 (A)

HER Ref: 02539

Catchment: Great Ouse
Terrace: Terrace 1 - 2

Period: Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Recorded as Offord Cluny by Roe (1968a) but subsequently as Buckden, Offord Pit by Wymer (1996) and CHER.
See **BUCKDEN**, Offord Pit

Material: 1 x Levallois core

Dating: unknown, but given terrace 1-2 association probably between MIS8-3

Location: St. Ives (Norris Museum)
Formerly in Huntingdon Museum, the contents of which were moved to St. Ives c.1933.

References:

Roe, D. A. (1968a). A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites. CBA Research Report No. 8.

Locality: ORTON WATERVILLE, Sing's Pit, a.k.a. King's Pit

NGR: TL 155963 (A)

HER Ref: 07988

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 2

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Extensive working of deposits in the neighbouring areas of Orton Longueville, Fletton and Woodston has led to much confusion, and the entirety of this part of Peterborough requires careful reconsideration. The gravel and brick industry began as on a fairly *ad hoc* basis, pits being dug as and when required, and it was only in the first decades of the 20th century that they began to coalesce into more formal operations. They also changed hands regularly, resulting in numerous name changes.

Material: 2 x handaxes
1 x core
1 x flake
1 x flake retouched
1 x Levallois flake

Collected in 1932 by G. Wyman Abbott

Dating: Unclear given poor context. Terrace deposits assigned to Terrace 1-2 could potentially span the period MIS8-MIS3 depending on which division of Bridgland and Schreve's (2001) schema one is dealing with at any given location

Location: Peterborough Museum

Notes: The depression of the old pit remained, much overgrown, at the time of Wymer's 1996 TERPS survey.

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 383

Roe, D. A. (1968a). A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites. CBA Research Report No. 8. 133

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 67

Locality: ORTON LONGUEVILLE, Pit, north of Church Drive

NGR: TL 159961 (E)

HER Ref: 02072 (NB Peterborough HER refs)
02245

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 2 or 3

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: River gravel

Material: 2 x handaxes
1 x flake
1 x flake retouched
1 x Levallois flake

Dating: Bridgland and Schreve (2001) assign the terrace 3/2 deposits to the MIS10-9-8 cycle, which would fit with the presence of Levallois material

Location: Peterborough Museum

Notes: Numerous small pits existed in this area of which this and ORTON LONGUEVILLE, gravel pits W. of Orton Longueville Park are but two. Artefacts are recorded from these two pits, but is not known which ones come from which pit, or whether some of the few listed were found in other pits. There is a record of some being found by the Marchioness of Huntly.

References:

Evans, J. (1878). The Hertfordshire Bourne. *Transactions of the Watford Natural History Society* **1**, 137-140.

Evans, J. (1897). "The Ancient Stone Implements, Weapons and Ornaments of the Great Britain." Longmans Green, London, pp.573

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 383

Roe, D. A. (1968a). A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites. CBA Research Report No. 8. 132

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 67

Locality: ORTON LONGUEVILLE, gravel pits West of Orton Longueville Park

NGR: TL 163963 (A)

HER Ref: 018080 (NB Peterborough HER refs)
02072
02245

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 2 or 3

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: A section in gravel pits close to Orton Longueville Hall was reported by Trimmer (1854, 345), which was possibly excavated in the edge of Terrace 3. It is unclear to which entry here for Orton Longueville this refers to, but this entry appears the most likely. The sequence described was up to 4.2m, commencing with a basal gravel which contained mammalian bones associated with terrestrial, freshwater and marine shells. This was overlain by a 'seam of sand with grey and brown clay' which also yielded freshwater and terrestrial molluscs and finally a second bed of gravel.

This sequence was confirmed by Porter (1861, 38), who described two pits, one to the west of Orton Longueville Hall (most likely to be this pit, although this needs checking; NGR given as TL 163964 in Horton *et al* 1992) and one at *c.* TL 169967, which also yielded molluscan and mammalian remains.

The site was also noted by Sir John Evans.

Refer to Fig. 2 in Horton *et al.* 1992 for postulated locations of these pits in relation to the Woodston Beds.

Material: 2 x handaxes
1 x flake
1 x flake retouched
1 x Levallois flake

Dating: Bridgland and Schreve (2001) assign the terrace 3/2 deposits to the MIS10-9-8 cycle, which would fit with the presence of Levallois material

Location: Peterborough Museum

Notes: Numerous small pits existed in this area of which this and ORTON LONGUEVILLE, gravel pits W. of park are but two. Artefacts are recorded from these two pits, but it is not known which ones come from which pit, or whether some of the few listed were found in other pits. The retouched flake recorded by Roe from Orton Park presumably came from this pit. There is also a record of some being found by the Marchioness of Huntly.

References:

Evans, J. (1878). The Hertfordshire Bourne. *Transactions of the Watford Natural History Society* **1**, 137-140.

Evans, J. (1897). "The Ancient Stone Implements, Weapons and Ornaments of the Great Britain." Longmans Green, London, pp.573

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 383

Roe, D. A. (1968a). A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites. CBA Research Report No. 8. 132

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 67

Locality: ORTON LONGUEVILLE, Orton Gardens

NGR: TL 167967 (A)

HER Ref: 01596 (NB Peterborough HER Ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: North edge of Terrace 2

Period: Lower Palaeolithic

Context: Unclear, see previous entry.

Material: 1 x handaxe

Dating: Deposits of Terrace 2 could potentially range from MIS8-MIS4

Location: Peterborough Museum

Notes: Originally the gardens of Orton Hall which was the residence of Lady Huntly, now a hotel.

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 383

Roe, D. A. (1968a). A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites. CBA Research Report No. 8. 244

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 67

Locality: OVER, Needingworth Quarry

NGR: TL 376725

HER Ref: MCB16671
MCB16672

Catchment: Ouse

Terrace: Terrace 1

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Bridgland and White report 4.5m of Quaternary sands and gravels overlying Oxford Clay & provide a section detailing the sequence:

- Grey organic clay-silt with brown mottling. Peat deposit, truncated by quarry working at top
- Clayey sand, scattered small clasts, dark grey root infills to top
- Poorly structured, possibly horizontally bedded fine gravel, very sandy at top
- Open framework gravel ca 0.1m
- Cross bedded fine to medium gravel ca 0.3m
- Sand with clay lens, possibly ripples 0.05m
- Fine gravel, cross bedded, fining upwards ca 30cm
- Cross bedded sand with fine gravel at base <0.2m
- Horizontally bedded sand with gravel seam parting it – ca 0.2m
- Basal horizontally bedded gravel mostly sandy but with some open framework, with at its base lag materials on clay, especially gryphaea fossils, large flints and cemented blocks – ca 1m thick
- Planated Oxford Clay

As most of the artefacts were found on spoil heaps or on the quarry floor, their precise context is unclear, but the coarse gravel at the base of the section would appear to be a likely context for rolled artefacts presumably derived from earlier Ouse deposits.

In a section immediately east of that described here, a rafted organic deposit was recorded. An exploratory sample produced *Betula nana* and other plant macrofossils, almost certainly of Devensian age

An organic palaeochannel towards the top of a section at TL375728 was examined by Steve Boreham in 2005 (Boreham 2005). It produced plant micros and macros including large pieces of wood, pine, birch, willow and the cold intolerant ivy - he interpreted the channel as belonging to the Windermere interstadial (13.5kyr) or early holocene

Material: CHER has two entries:

- 1) Collection of Upper and Middle Palaeolithic flints reported from Over Pit made by Alan Holloway. At least 10 pieces known. No further details (MCB16671)
- 2) Collection of lithics probably dating from OIS 7 (250k - 200kbp). Assemblage includes 4 bifaces (2 rolled) and one core. One biface may be a reworked Levallois core, and another possibly burnt prior to deposition (MCB16672)

During an assessment for CAU, White recorded the following objects in the collection of Paul Haylett:

- 1 Core, rolled
 - 1 levallois flake, rolled
 - 2 handaxes, rolled – one is flat butted cordate.
 - 2 roughouts, 1 fresh but frost damaged & broken, 1 rolled
- These appear to be the same as those reported in MCB16672, the Biface on Levallois core = Levallois flake of White

Dating: Terrace 1 encompasses MIS4-present. Artefacts are Lower & Middle Palaeolithic in character, in range of conditions. They probably derive from earlier deposits (MIS7?), but some refuse of MIS3 occupation may be included.

Location: Presumed to be in the Private Collections of Alan Holloway and Paul Haylett

References:

Bridgland, D. R., and M. J. White. 2002. *Assessment of the Potential for Early Palaeolithic Archaeology in the Low-Lying Gravels of the Great Ouse in Cambridgeshire: The Hanson Quarries*. Cambridge Archaeology Unit Report

CHER

Reynolds. T.M. 2000. Pleistocene artefacts from Over Quarry, Cambridgeshire. Unpublished manuscript.

Locality: PAMPISFORD, Bourn Bridge

NGR: TL 519495

HER Ref: 11317B

Catchment: Bourn

Terrace: -

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: surface find, recovered while fieldwalking by the CAU

Material: 1 x handaxe

Dating: unknown

Location: CAU

References:

CHER

Evans, C. 1994. Archaeological investigations at Bourn Bridge, Pampisford, Cambridgeshire. CAU Report 096

Evans, C. 1994. Bourn Bridge – Archaeological Field Assessment – Interim Statement. CAU Report.

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Woodston, Baker's Pit

NGR: TL 183974 (A)

HER Ref: 01404 (NB Peterborough HER refs)
01656a

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 2

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Nothing detailed. Pit working in 1930s, possibly earlier. Area now residential. Information from Mrs. M. Gillespie (Wymer, 1996).

Material: 14 x handaxes
1 x roughout
74 x flakes retouched
47 x flakes
10 x Levallois flakes

Dating: Important questions remain to be answered about the relationship between the Levallois assemblages and the Woodston Beds (assigned to MIS 11). Deposits of Terrace 2 could potentially range from MIS8-MIS4

Location: Peterborough Museum

References:

Hillier, R. (1981). "Clay That Burns. A History of the Fletton Brick Industry." London Brick Company, London.

Roe, D. A. (1968a). A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites. CBA Research Report No. 8.

Wymer, J. J. (1996). The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds). Wessex Archaeology, Salisbury, pp.67

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Woodston Hill Gravel Pit, (Central Sugar Co.)

NGR: TL 180977 (A)

HER Ref: 01404 (NB Peterborough HER ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 2

Period: Middle Palaeolithic

Context: No detail, pit working prior to 1902 and shown on 1902 OS 6" Map. Factory now stands on site.

Material: 1 x ?Levallois flake

Dating: Deposits of Terrace 2 could potentially range from MIS8-MIS4

Location: Peterborough Museum

Notes: Query on identification suggests that Wymer hasn't seen this artefact.

References:

Horton, A., Keen, D. H., Field, M. H., Robinson, J. E., Coope, G. R., Currant, A. P., Graham, D. K., Green, C. P., and Phillips, L. M. (1992). The Hoxnian Interglacial deposits at Woodston, Peterborough. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London B* **338**, 131-64.

Roe, D. A. (1968a). A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites. CBA Research Report No. 8., pp. 245

Wymer, J. J. (1996). The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds). Wessex Archaeology, Salisbury. pp. 67

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Woodston, Hick's Pit No. 1 (London Brick Co.)

NGR: TL 189958 (E)

HER Ref: 01404 (NB Peterborough HER ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 3 or Woodston Beds

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: There is no known context for the artefacts. The relationship between the Woodston Beds worked on by Horton and Terrace 3 of the Nene needs investigating to establish where the archaeology is coming from. Information has also come from Mrs. M. Gillespie (Wymer, 1996). Area now assigned to land reclamation. A further difficulty lies in establishing the precise location of this pit, as the Woodston area was extensively worked for clay and the pits changed hands many times during the late 19th / early 20th centuries.

Material: 18 x handaxes
2 x roughouts
41 x flakes retouched
44 x flakes
36 x Levallois flakes

Palaeoliths were found here in the 1920s by G. Wyman Abbott and possibly others. Includes the distal end of a large Levallois blade in mint condition found on clay at a depth of about 4.50 metres.

Dating: Terrace 4/3 and the Woodston Beds date to MIS 12-11 according to Bridgland and Schreve (2002)

Location: Peterborough Museum

References:

Hillier, R. (1981). "Clay That Burns. A History of the Fletton Brick Industry." London Brick Company, London.

Horton, A., Keen, D. H., Field, M. H., Robinson, J. E., Coope, G. R., Currant, A. P., Graham, D. K., Green, C. P., and Phillips, L. M. (1992). The Hoxnian Interglacial deposits at Woodston, Peterborough. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London B* **338**, 131-64.

Wymer, J. J. (1996). The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds). *Wessex Archaeology*, Salisbury, pp.67

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Fletton, nr. Woodston

NGR: TL 189975 (A)

HER Ref: none

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 2

Period: Lower Palaeolithic

Context: Extensive gravel pits in grounds of Fletton Towers, working during the early 20th century. Now residential, built over in 1927. Information from Mrs. Gillespie (Wymer, 1996).

Material: 12 x handaxes
9 x flakes

Dating: Deposits of Terrace 2 could potentially range from MIS8-MIS4

Location: Northampton Museum
Peterborough Museum
St. Ives Museum

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 383

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Old Fletton, Woodston

NGR: TL 193972 (A)

HER Ref: 01645 (NB Peterborough HER ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 2

Period: Palaeolithic

Context: On east side of Fletton Road near the old county boundary. Palaeoliths found by G. Wymer Abbott in 1908 (marked as such on earlier OS sheets).

Material: Palaeoliths (nature unknown)

Dating: Deposits of Terrace 2 could potentially range from MIS8-MIS4

Location: Unknown

Notes:

Wymer's information was from SMR, need to check.

References:

Peterborough HER

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Woodston, Rippon's and Ankers Pits (unlocated)

NGR: TL 185975 (G)

HER Ref: 01404 (NB Peterborough HER ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Unknown

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Unclear

Material: 22 x handaxes
1 x roughout
1 x core
11 x retouched flakes
12 x flakes
1 x misc
9 x Levallois flakes

Numbers of artefacts given by Roe do not include numerous others from unavailable for study prior to 1968. Of the named but presently unlocated sites, the following are known to have come from Anker's pit:

7 x handaxes
3 x roughouts
5 x retouched flakes
4 x flakes
2 x Levallois flakes

These are held by Peterborough Museum. It is unclear from Wymer's notes if any of these overlap with the material from unlocated nameless sites. Clarification will be needed when we view the collections.

Dating: Unclear

Location: Northampton Museum
Peterborough Museum
St. Ives Museum

References:

Fox, A., Burkitt, M. C., and Abbott, G. W. (1926). Early Man. In "Victoria County History Huntingdon." pp. 193.

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* 29, 383

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 245

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, no specific provenance (probably Woodston)

NGR: TL 190990 (G)

HER Ref: 00203 (NB Peterborough HER refs)
01795
02223

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Undefined

Period: Probably Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Unknown

Material: 2 x flakes
1 x misc
1 x Levallois flake

Dating: Unclear

Location: Peterborough Museum

Notes: It is not clear why Wymer thought these artefacts were most likely to have come from Woodston.

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 244

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. *Wessex Archaeology*, 69

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Stanground, no specific provenance

NGR: TL 210965 (G)

HER Ref: 07831 (NB Peterborough HER ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Undefined

Period: Lower Palaeolithic

Context: Unclear

Material: 1 x handaxe

Dating: Unclear

Location: Peterborough Museum

References:

PHER

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Westwood Road

NGR: TL 181997 (E)

HER Ref: 01356 (NB Peterborough HER ref)
01596

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 3

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Unlocated, but Westwood Bridge considered likely close provenance by Wymer 1996. Area is now pre- and post-war residential. Posnansky (1968) refers to Levallois flakes from this locality.

Material: 1 x flake retouched

Dating: Terrace 4/3 and the Woodston Beds date to MIS 12-11 according to Bridgland and Schreve (2002)

Location: Peterborough Museum

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 244

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Walton, no specific provenance

NGR: TF 175020 (G)

HER Ref: none

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Undefined

Period: Lower Palaeolithic

Context: Unknown

Material: Handaxes (unknown number)

Dating: Unclear

Location: Unknown

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 244

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Dogsthorpe, Alma Road

NGR: TF 192002 (A)

HER Ref: 08264 (NB Peterborough HER ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: River gravel 'at junction of Terrace 1 and 2'

Period: Lower Palaeolithic

Context: Unclear, area of late Victorian housing. Possibly a garden find.

Material: 1 x handaxe

Dating: Terrace deposits assigned to Terrace 1-2 could potentially span the period MIS8-MIS3 depending on which division of Bridgland and Schreve's (2001) schema one is dealing with at any given location

Location: Peterborough Museum

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 244

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Notes:

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, New England, nr. Millfield

NGR: TF 193016 (A)

HER Ref: 02169 (NB Peterborough HER Ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 2 or 3

Period: Lower Palaeolithic

Context: Pit on OS 1:2500 map (1926) marked 'Palaeolithic implements found' at NGR above.
Found 1908-9 by G. Wyman Abbott.

Information in TERPS from PHER and P'boro Museum

Area now recreation ground. PHER refers to handaxes and Levallois flakes found at depth of about 3.0m in association with 'tropical gravels with zoological remains'.

There is potential for confusion with other G. Wyman Abbott finds dating to 1908 – need to check archives and OS maps.

Material: 1 x handaxe
1 x flake retouched

Dating: Deposits of Terrace 2 could potentially range from MIS8-MIS4, Terrace 3 anywhere from MIS12-8. Without further details, these could be of any age

Location: Peterborough Museum

References:

PHER

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Newark Cemetery

NGR: TF 205005 (A)

HER Ref: 02976 (NB Peterborough HER ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 3 gravel

Period: Unclear

Context: Found in 1913 at south-west end of cemetery

Material: 1 x palaeolith (no further description)

Dating: Terrace 3 and the Woodston Beds date to MIS 12-8 according to Bridgland and Schreve (2002)

Location: Peterborough Museum

References:

PHER

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Padholme Road, Eastgate
NGR: TL 205992 (E)
HER Ref: none
Catchment: Nene
Terrace: Edge of Terrace 2
Period: Lower Palaeolithic
Context: Unclear, area now residential beside ring road.
Material: 1 x handaxe
3 x flakes
Dating: Deposits of Terrace 2 could potentially range from MIS8-MIS4
Location: Peterborough Museum
Notes: Marked as 'Pad Road' in Posnansky, probably misread from artefacts in museum which are marked thus.

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 244

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 68

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, The Round House

NGR: TL 208991 (E)

HER Ref: 01404 (NB Peterborough HER Ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 1

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: In area of one-time Peterborough Common, probably one of Williamson's Pits (see Peterborough Common, Fengate).
Area now industrial, Roundhouse Close considered to indicate location of this site. This material is also marked Woodston, presumably in error, but demonstrating the confusion surrounding the neighbouring areas of Peterborough.

Material: 1 x handaxe
1 x flake retouched
1 x misc.

Dating: Terrace 1 encompasses MIS4-present

Location: Peterborough Museum

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 244

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 69

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Newark Road gravel pit

NGR: TL 212988 (E)

HER Ref: none

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 1

Period: Middle Palaeolithic?

Context: Found in 1906-11, no details of finder or further context. Area now Industrial Estate.

Material: 1 x flake retouched
1 x flake
1 x Levallois flake

Dating: Terrace 1 encompasses MIS4-present

Location: Northampton Museum
Peterborough Museum

References:

- Hollingworth, S. E., and Taylor, J. H. (1946). An outline of the geology of the Kettering District. *Proceedings of the Geologists' Association* **57**, 204-233.
- Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.
- Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 244
- Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 69

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Fengate, no specific provenance

NGR: TL 205985 (G)

HER Ref: 07862 (NB Peterborough HER ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Terrace 1

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: 1902 OS map shows pit close to NGR given here, which was one of Williamson's numerous pits in the vicinity (see Peterborough Common entry). Information from the enigmatic Mrs. Gillespie.

Material: 6 x handaxes
1 x roughout
1 x flake retouched
1 x flake
1 x Levallois flake

Dating: Terrace 1 encompasses MIS4-present

Location: Cambridge (A & A)
Peterborough Museum

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 244

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 69

Locality: PETERBOROUGH, Peterborough Common

NGR: TL 200990 (G)

HER Ref: 01596 (NB Peterborough HER ref)

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Unclear

Period: Lower Palaeolithic

Context: Large area of former common with numerous small pits owned by Williamson. More information from the enigmatic Mrs. Gillespie – who is this woman?

Material: 1 x handaxe
122 x flakes, some retouched

Dating: Unclear

Location: Northampton Museum
Peterborough Museum

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8, 244

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 69

Locality: RAMSEY, Ramsey Vicarage

NGR: TL 290851 (A)

HER Ref: 02877

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Unknown

Period: Lower Palaeolithic

Context: Unknown

Material: 1 x handaxe

Dating: Unclear

Location: Cambridge (Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology)

Notes: Vicarage now clubhouse of Ramsey Golf Club. HER notes that it is possible that the handaxe was found during modern extensions to the building. No knowledge of the find at Club (presumably questioned by HER).

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology p70

Locality: SOHAM, Soham Fen

NGR: TL 640740

HER Ref: none

Catchment: Snail Kennett

Terrace: unknown

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Unknown.

Material: One handaxe reported by Evans (1897, 539) from Soham Fen, black flint in fresh condition

Dating: unknown

Location: Oxford (Ashmolean)

References:

Evans, J. 1897. *The Ancient Stone Implements, Weapons and Ornaments of the Great Britain*, 2nd edition. London: Longmans Green.

Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks pp94

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: SOMERSHAM, Station Pit

NGR: TL 367781

HER Ref: 01336

Catchment: Ouse

Terrace: -

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: uncertain but probably from gravel deposits. Finds made on spoil heap

Material: Four flakes (Sedgwick) and a handaxe (BM)

Dating Somersham lies on terrace 1-2 of the Ouse and work at other quarries has suggested that deposits stretching from pre-Ipswichian to Devensian in age occur near here. Using Bridgland and Schreve's correlative model, the age could be anywhere from MIS8-MIS3

Location: Cambridge (Sedgwick Museum)
British Museum

Notes: Four primary flakes from the Station Pit at the Sedgwick Museum, crude handaxe in sharp condition at the British Museum. The latter is recorded as being found on a heap of stones by Dr. C. B. Plowright of Kings Lynn. This was possibly gravel from the same pit.

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p34

Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks pp75

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: SOUTHOE & MIDHOE / DIDDINGTON
NGR: TL 520625
HER Ref: 02507
Catchment: Cam
Terrace: Terrace 1-2 Gravel
Period: ?Palaeolithic
Context: unknown beyond note that found close to active pit
Material: 1 flake, HER and TERPS suggests Levallois
Dating: Terrace 1-2 potentially ranging from MIS8-3
Location: St Ives Museum

References:

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: ST. IVES, 12 Burleigh Terrace, St. Johns Road, St. Ives

NGR: TL 313715 (A)

HER Ref: 01698 (possibly duplicated in 03608)

Catchment: Great Ouse

Terrace: Terrace 1-2

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Found in garden of late Victorian residence, Easter 1957

Material: Handaxe of brown flint; length 109mm, W 69mm, thickness 40mm width 6.9 cms

Dating: Terrace 1-2 stacked sequence of deposits stretching from 6-4 (Upper division) and 8-6 (Lower division), archaeology could be any of these ages (cf. Bridgland and Schreve 2001)

Location: St. Ives Museum

Notes: HER entry cites Wymer as source, although Wymer cites HER.
Another find in St Ives noted as local has identical dimensions to this artefact, the only difference being it being made of grey flint. Are they the same piece?

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8.

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: ST IVES, Meadow Lane

NGR: TL 324710

HER Ref: 01691
01967

Catchment: Ouse

Terrace: Terrace 1-2

Context: ?

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Material: Wymer 1996 (after Roe 1968) lists the following: 2 handaxes, 2 retouched flakes, 18 flakes, 1 levallois flake.

CHER contains the following details:

- A) Small ovate hand axe of black flint, slight water rolling; point broken off and retouched; length 8.3 cms, width 6.0 cms, maximum thickness 2.2 cms. Donated by Mr. Eric Standen.
- B) Part of a large hand axe of brown flint, broken across the middle; length 11.9 cms, width 10.1 cms.
- C) Small hand axe, water rolled, of brown flint; length 9.2 cms, width 5.7 cms, thickness 5.3 cms.
- D) Large flake of brown flint; length 11.8 cms, width 10.2 cms, thickness 2.4 cms.
- E) Flake tool of honey coloured flint, struck from faceted striking platform; ?retouch round edges; length 8,7cm,width 6,7cm, thickness at bulb 0,9cm.
- F) Scraper of grey flint retouched along one edge, several recent breaks; length 8,2cm, width 5,3cm, thickness 1,2cm.
- G) Thick flake of grey flint; length 7,2cm, width 5,2cm,thickness 2,0cm.
- H) Thick rectangular scraper of brown flint, retouched round 3 edges; length5,9cm, width 4,8cm, thickness 1,9cm.
- I) Flake of brown flint, showing marks of fire; length 9.8cm, width6,9cm, thickness 1,9cm.
- J) Thick flake of brown flint with retouch round three edges; length9,0cm, width 5,7cm, thickness 2.5cm.
- K) flake tool of white flint, retouch along the edge; length 12,2cmwidth 6,7cm, thickness 1,5cm.

Dating: Terrace 1-2 stacked sequence of deposits stretching from 6-4 (Upper division) and 8-6 (Lower division), archaeology could be any of these ages (cf. Bridgland and Schreve 2001)

Location: St Ives Museum

References:

Coote. 1952. Fenstanton and St.Ives. *Transactions of the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archaeological Society* 7:41.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p34

Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks pp95

Locality: ST IVES, Junction of Old and New Rivers

NGR: TL 321699

HER Ref: 01678

Catchment: Ouse

Terrace: Alluvium

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: No context provided

Material: Roe (1968, 133) reports one Levallois core

CHER notes the following in St Ives:

A, Pointed flake of brown flint; length 9,7 cm, width 4,6 cm, thickness 1,7 cm.

B, Core of brown flint; length 10,0 cm, width 9,8 cm (core referred to above?)

C, Flake of black flint; length 6,8 cm, width 3,0 cm.

Dating: -

Location: St Ives Museum

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p34

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: ST IVES, no specific provenance

NGR: TL 310720 (G)

HER Ref: ?03595
03608

Catchment: Ouse

Terrace: unknown, probably mixed

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: unknown

Material: Roe (1968, 133, repeated in Wymer 1996) lists:
2 handaxes
2 cores
3 retouched flakes
18 flakes
2 Levallois flakes

Dating: unclear

Location: Cambridge (Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology)
St Ives Museum

References:

- Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p34
- Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks pp95

Locality: ST NEOTS, Cambridge Street, Hall Place

NGR: TL 186601

HER Ref: 00568 (duplicated as 00567c)

Catchment: Great Ouse

Terrace: Terrace 1-2

Period: Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Small pit in the grounds of Hall Place, Cambridge Street, 150 yards E of vicarage at 17m, 3m above river. Gravel dug to 2.75m.

Material: Found on spoil heaps by C.F. Tebbutt.

Artefacts

One small cordiform handaxe and 10 flakes

Fauna

Red Deer

Woolly Rhino

Bos/Bison

Dating: Gravel in this region widely regarded as Middle Devensian (MIS3). Terrace deposits assigned to Terrace 1-2 could potentially span the period MIS8-MIS3

Location: Cambridge (Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology)
Cambridge (Sedgwick Museum)

Notes: Handaxe figured by Tebbutt *et al.*, Plate II, C

References:

Tebbutt, C. F., J. E. Marr, and M. C. Burkitt. 1927. Palaeolithic industries from the Great Ouse gravels at and near St. Neots. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society of East Anglia* 5:166-73.

Locality: ST NEOTS, Eaton Socon

NGR: TL 170590 (G)

HER Ref: 00511

Catchment: Great Ouse
Terrace: Terrace 1-2

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Unknown

Material: Smith (1904) lists flakes found in association with mammoth remains. Wymer (1996) notes 5 handaxes and 1 flake in Bedford Museum from this general location

Dating: Terrace deposits assigned to Terrace 1-2 could potentially span the period MIS8-MIS3

Location: Bedford Museum

Notes: Wymer (1996) also lists finds of flakes and mammoth remains from Terrace 2 at TL180600 (G), citing the same SMR number as for Eaton Socon. No finds are noted from this NGR in the present CHER. Is this a now removed duplicate that had a different general NGR centred over St Neots itself?

References:

Smith, W., G. 1904. Early Man. *Victoria County History of Bedfordshire* 1:145-158.

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. London: Council for British Archaeology, Research Report No 8, 4

Locality: STONEA CAMP
(See also WIMBLINGTON, Stonea Camp)

NGR: -

HER Ref: -

Catchment:

Terrace: Unknown

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Surface find

Material: 1 x handaxe
In the Stonea Camp Surface Collection (P1981, 5-3, 43), manufactured from a large, thick flake.
Ficron (Wymer Type M)
Length 172mm, Width 75mm, Thickness 55mm.
Weight 542g
Moderately stained, unpatinated and slightly rolled

Dating: None

Location: British Museum?

Notes: At present it is not clear whether this is the same artefact as the one document from Wimblington (Stonea Camp) by Roe and Wymer.

References:

Ashton, N. (1996). Handaxe. *In* "Excavations at Stonea, Cambridgeshire 1980-85." (R. P. J. Jackson, and T. W. Potter, Eds.). British Museum, London.

Locality: SUTTON, no specific provenance

NGR: TL 452783

HER Ref: 05622

Catchment:

Terrace:

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Found when ploughing in a flinty field, reported to CHER by finder Mr J.
Northland

Material: 1 x handaxe

Dating: unknown

Location: presumably in the hands of the finder

References:

CHER only

Locality: SWAFFHAM BULBECK, Upper Hare Park / Allington Hill
(See sites listed under BOTTISHAM)

NGR: TL 583593 (E)

HER Ref:

Catchment:
Terrace:

Period:

Context:

Material:

Dating:

Location:

Notes: Figured in Clark (1938, pp.252)

References:

Clark, J. G. D. (1938). Early Man. The Palaeolithic or Old Stone Age. *Victoria County History of Cambridgeshire* **1**, 247-254.

Locality: SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Adventurer's Ground Farm

NGR: TL 557643

HER Ref: 06560a

Catchment: Cam

Terrace: Unclear

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Found on surface of field by Mr. Norris, Anglesey House, Swaffham Prior, since 1960.

Material: Handaxe

Dating: unknown

Location: In hands of Mr Norris

Notes: More circular referencing, HER cites Wymer 1996 and vice versa. HER entry for this site also cites Burkitt 1931, although this makes no reference to this locality.

References:

CHER

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 63

Locality: SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Swaffham Prior Fen

NGR: TL 535675 (G)

HER Ref: none

Catchment: Snail/Ouse
Terrace: Unclear

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Area mainly arable, artefacts likely to be surface finds. One (the Evans piece?) may have come from the base of the peat. It is unclear which artefact this description refers to or where it was found.

Material: 9 handaxes including a small ovate first reported by Evans

Dating: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Location: Oxford (Ashmolean)
Cambridge (Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology)

References:

- Evans, J. 1897. *The Ancient Stone Implements, Weapons and Ornaments of the Great Britain*, 2nd edition. London: Longmans Green. p539
- Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p34
- Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks pp100
- Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology, 64

Locality: SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Newmarket Down

NGR: TL 610630 (G)

HER Ref: none

Catchment: Ouse

Terrace: -

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: unknown

Material: Four handaxes, reported by Roe (1968, 39)

Dating: -

Location: Cambridge (Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology)

Notes: Wymer 1996 inexplicably refers to this location as Burwell, contra Roe (1968) and Wymer (1985)

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p34

Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks pp95

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: SWAVESEY, no specific provenance

NGR: TL 351703

HER Ref: none

Catchment: Ouse

Terrace: from the river

Period: Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Dredged from the modern river

Material: Levallois flake

Dating: unknown, although note that present ideas date Levallois to MIS8-7

Location: St Ives Museum

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p130

Locality: THRIPLow, unnamed pit on A505

NGR: TL 445447 (A)

HER Ref: none

Catchment: Cam

Terrace: Unknown

Period:

Context: Taelle Gravel, mapped by BGS as periglacial. Rests on a terrace about 100-140ft O.D., fringing the Chalk escarpment. Interpreted by Osbourne White as dissected remnants of a waste fan.

Sparks records four beds: 1) 'tumultuously-bedded gravel of fresh flint and erratics; 2) Impersistent beds of unsorted fine material, with molluscs, upto 4ft thick; 3) a cryoturbated zone, also affecting underlying layers; 4) red non-calcareous weathered gravel 2-4ft. Argued to be a soliflucate originating from the Chalk upland 2 miles to the south.

Material: No archaeology reported from this site but it did produce a molluscan fauna:

Lymnaea truncatula
Planorbis leucostoma
Planorbis laevis
Planorbis crista
Succinea arenaria
Succinea pfeifferi
Columella columella
Pupilla muscorum
Hygromia hispida
Agriolimax? agrestis
Agriolimax? reticulatus
Pisidium casertanum
Pisidium obtusale
Pisidium natidum

Fauna includes damp-loving species, dry-loving species, slugs and freshwater species capable of living isolated swampy pools – compared with German loess faunas, but the sedimentology shows that the deposit is not loessic. Faunas compared to those at Ponder's End, Barnwell Station, Cambridge and Lord's Bridge Cambridgeshire

Dating: Ponder's End, Barnwell Station, Cambridge and Lord's Bridge Cambridgeshire are of last glacial age (STILL?): unlikely Taelle gravel same age because they are too high, the weathered horizon could not have formed in short duration of the Holocene (Perrin), and also truncates cryoturbation structures. So older MIS6 but unclear how much older.

The boulder clay in this district was argued by Sparks to be Gipping Till rather than Lowestoft Till (on the basis of erratic component), although these are now considered to be facies of the same widespread deposit. Sparks thought that the youngest possible date = very beginning of last interglacial (MIS5e), but this is

based on idea that till is Gipping (=Saalian = MIS6), so perhaps should be disregarded.

Sparks Q use of these faunas as indicator of particular date, rather than particular conditions.

Location: n/a

Notes: (see also CHER 10985, 04051 and 04052)

References:

Sparks, B. W. 1957b. The Tael Gravel near Thriplow, Cambridgeshire. *Geological Magazine* 94:194-200.

Locality: THRIPLow, Heath Pond

NGR: TL 44 44 (G)

HER Ref: 04051

Catchment: Cam

Terrace: Unknown

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Uncertain (surface find?) found by B. Beveridge in cultivated field off A505 behind a council tip and private quarry workings. The general NGR places within the limits of Tael Gravel mapped at Thriplow, unnamed pit on A505 (TL 445 447) by Sparks (1957).

Material: 1 x handaxe (described rather strangely as Clactonian, an industry famously lacking in handaxes), 1-2 dozen flakes

Dating: None

Location: Assumed to be in hands of the finder

Notes: (see also see also CHER 10985 and 04052)

References:

CHER, from verbal communication from finder

Locality: THRILOW / FOWLMERE, Heath Farm

NGR: TL 44 44 (G)

HER Ref: 04052

Catchment: Cam

Terrace: Unknown

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Uncertain (surface find?) found by B. Beveridge on upper slope of cultivated field off A505. The general NGR places within the limits of Tael Gravel mapped at Thriplow, unnamed pit on A505 (TL 445 447) by Sparks (1957).

Material: 1 handaxe, 1 cleaver, 1 scraper

Dating: None

Location: Assumed to be in hands of the finder

Notes: (see also CHER 04051 & 10985)

References:

CHER, from Verbal communication by finder 1981

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: THRIPLow, Whittlesford Track

NGR: TL 447468 (A)

HER Ref: 10985

Catchment: Cam
Terrace: Unknown

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Surface of a field to the N of the track running E from the Village of Thriplow towards Whittlesford. Found by Richard Webber, identified by Tim Reynolds. Find made at same height as Tael Gravel, mapped at Thriplow, unnamed pit on A505 (TL 445 447) by Sparks (1957).

Material: 1 handaxe

Dating: None

Location: Assumed to be in hands of the finder

Notes: (see also CHER 04051 & 04052)

References:

CHER, from verbal communication by finder

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: WANSFORD, no specific provenance
NGR: TL 075995
HER Ref: none
Catchment: Nene
Terrace: -
Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic
Context: unknown
Material: A handaxe from here was recorded by (Posnansky 1963)
Dating: unknown
Location: Northampton Museum

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p245

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: WATERBEACH

NGR: TL 491672

HER Ref: 05473

Catchment: Cam
Terrace: -

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: No details of the find circumstances are available

Material: A probable handaxe is reported in the CHER, no other sources

Dating: Unknown

Location: In the Possession of T. Cheason, 4 Primrose Lane, Waterbeach

References:

CHER only

Locality: WATERBEACH

NGR: TL 488672

HER Ref: 05358

Catchment: Cam

Terrace: -

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: CHER lists a fossilised bison horn found 4m deep in the Gault Clay, beneath gravel (can this possibly be correct, the Gault Clay is Lower Cretaceous in age?). Finds made when a lake was being created for military training. Found by D Phillips

Material: Fossilised bison, plus other bones last known to be in hands of Dr A.J. Stuart whilst he was based at Zoology Cambridge (he is now at UCL, having previously been at Norwich Castle Museum).

Also associated with these finds is a Palaeolithic Axe

Dating: unknown

Location: unknown

References:

Only listed in CHER, which notes the CCC Parish Archaeology File

Locality: WATER NEWTON

NGR: TL 110975 (G)

HER Ref: 01928

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: -

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: unknown

Material: 1 x handaxe

1 x Levallois core

Reported from this general locality by Roe (1968, 133) and Posnansky (1963, 383)

Dating: unknown

Location: Northampton Museum

Peterborough Museum

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p133

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology. P66

Locality: WHITTLESEY, London Brick Company Pit

NGR: TL 242972 (A)

HER Ref: None

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: March Gravels

Period: Palaeolithic

Context: Flake found by Dr. P. Boylan on a QRA visit to the pit in 1981, in gravel overlying Oxford Clay.

Material: 1 x flake

Dating: The March gravels are suggested by Bridgland and Schreve (2001) to be MIS10-9-8 cycle, representing a high sea level stand during which the low lying Fen basin was flooded

Location: Unknown (information Wymer)

References:

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology. 69

Locality: WHITTLESEY, Pit belonging to railway (unlocated)

NGR: TL 250975 (G)

HER Ref: 02958 (NB Peterborough HER refs)
07839
10597

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Unclear, but probably March Gravels

Period: Lower and Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Described as 'pit belonging to railway, opposite Watson's Pit and Kings Dyke'. Wymer suggested that the location may be the same as the London Brick Co. Pit.

One handaxe was recorded as coming from the March gravels by Baden-Powell (1950, 29, 37, figures) at a depth of 1.70m.

Material: 2 x handaxes
2 x flakes
1 x ?Levallois flake

Dating: The March gravels are suggested by Bridgland and Schreve (2001) to be MIS10-9-8 cycle, representing a high sea level stand during which the low lying Fen basin was flooded

Location: Fyson Collection
Peterborough Museum

Notes: There is no record of the collector Fyson in either Cambridge or Peterborough HERs.

References:

Baden-Powell, D.F.W. 1950. Palaeoliths from the Fen District. Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society 16: 29, 37, figures

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p39

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Locality: WILLINGHAM, W of Flat Bridge

NGR: TL 415730 (A)

HER Ref: 05696

Catchment: Ouse

Terrace: Alluvium/Terrace 1

Context: Clark (1938) records an artefact found by C. F. Tebbutt on a heap of gravel freshly dredged from the Old West River, 300 yards W of Flat Bridge

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Material: Scraper, made on broad flake, stained brown & ochreous.

Dating: Unknown, Terrace 1 encompasses MIS4-present

Location: Cambridge (Sedgwick)

References:

Clark, J. G. D. 1938. Early Man. The Palaeolithic or Old Stone Age. *Victoria County History of Cambridgeshire* 1:247-254.

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology.

Locality: WILLINGHAM, no specific provenance
NGR: TL 405705
HER Ref: none
Catchment: Ouse
Terrace: unknown although Willingham on Terrace 1
Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic
Context: Roe (1968, 39) noted a roughout from Willingham (NFP)
Material: Scraper, made on broad flake, stained brown & ochreous.
Dating: Unknown, Terrace 1 encompasses MIS4-present
Location: Cambridge (Sedgwick)

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8.

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Locality: WIMBLINGTON, Stonea Camp
NGR: TL 449932 (A)
HER Ref: 06037
Catchment: Nene
Terrace: -
Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic
Context: Surface find – recovered during ploughing at depth of 9 inches. Wymer (1996) maps location as glacial sand and gravel
Material: A pointed handaxe (F a/ii, 150mm), slightly rolled, dendritic patina
Also ficron handaxe – see STONEA entry
Dating: Unclear, given paucity of contextual information.
Location: Clifford Cross Collection (acc. Wymer 1996, 62)
Notes: CHER also cites JH Ward 1959 and CBA Group 7 Bulletin 6 (1959), 2 as sources.

References:

CHER

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p38

Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks pp37

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Locality: WIMBLINGTON, Griffins Pit

NGR: TL436910 (E)

HER Ref: 05928

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: Possibly March Gravels

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: unclear, presumably from gravels in the Pit

Material: A unworn flake, described as having a faceted butt and possibly Levallois, was found here by Mr. F.M. Walker (Baden-Powell 1934, 216)

Dating: Unclear, given paucity of contextual information. Wymer (1985, 37) suggested it to be contemporary with the March Gravels. The March gravels are suggested by Bridgland and Schreve (2001) to be MIS10-9-8 cycle, representing a high sea level stand during which the low lying Fen basin was flooded.

Location: Wymer states in the F. M. Walker collection

References:

Baden-Powell, D.W.F. 1934. On the marine gravels at March, Cambridgeshire. *Geological Magazine* 85: 195-219

Baden-Powell, D.F.W. 1950. Palaeoliths from the Fen District. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* 16: 29-41

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p38

Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks pp37

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology. 62

Locality: WIMBLINGTON, Stiches Farm

NGR: TL 445923 (E)

HER Ref: 06037

Catchment: Nene

Terrace: -

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: unknown

Material: Roe (1968) reports a handaxe from here. Wymer (1985, 39) suggested that it was the same as the one reported from Stonea Camp, but Wymer 1996 records them separately & notes that they are housed in different collections. No further details of the piece are available

Dating: Unknown

Location: Wisbech Museum

References:

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p

Wymer, J. J. 1985. *Palaeolithic Sites of East Anglia*. Norwich: Geobooks pp39

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology. 62

Locality: WIMBLINGTON, Ancaster Farm

NGR: TL 454907 (E)

HER Ref: 05953

Catchment: Nene
Terrace: -

Period: Lower or Middle Palaeolithic

Context: Baden-Powell states it was from Gipping (now Anglian or MIS12) till

Material: Baden-Powell (1950, 34, fig 9) records a thin, ovoid bifacial artefact found by Mr. W.E. Bennett. He identifies it as a classic Levallois core; on the basis of B-Ps drawing, Wymer (1985, 39) concurs. Black flint, unworn, unpatinated.

Dating: Unclear, given paucity of contextual information. Wymer (1985, 37) suggested it to be contemporary with the March Gravels. The March gravels are suggested by Bridgland and Schreve (2001) to be MIS10-9-8 cycle, representing a high sea level stand during which the low lying Fen basin was flooded.

Location: Wymer states in the FM Walker collection

Notes: Baden-Powell (1934) also figures what is probably a handaxe finishing flake from an unknown site in Wimblington.

References:

- Baden-Powell, D.W.F. 1934. On the marine gravels at March, Cambridgeshire. *Geological Magazine* 85: 195-219
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Locality: YAXLEY, Eastwood's Pit (Yaxley Yard)
(Also no specific provenance)

NGR: TL 185920 (G)

HER Ref: 01419
01597

Catchment: Nene
Terrace: Unclear

Period: Lower Palaeolithic

Context: There is confusion between the HER and TERPS regarding the Yaxley sites. Wymer cites HER record 01419 in his entry for Eastwood's Pit, which in the HER refers to 'Yaxley Yard'. These may be the same location. The HER records an NGR of TL 185922 for this site, suggesting that the confusion is due to a slight variance in grid references. Yaxley Yard is unlocated and not known locally, as is Eastwood's Pit. Where Wymer obtained the information on Eastwood's Pit is unclear.

Also recorded (01597) are three artefacts of no specific provenance from Yaxley:
1) Flint burin, L = 43mm
2) Scraper, L = 52mm
3) Handaxe, ficron, butt missing, L = 110mm
The grid reference for the ficron is given as TL 19, which has been insufficient for it to be included in GIS plots.

Material: 2 x handaxes
Single handaxe found in Yaxley Yard / Eastwood's Pit, undescribed.
Other artefacts presumed to be in Peterborough Museum

Dating: Unclear

Location: Peterborough Museum

References:

Posnansky, M. (1963). The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic industries of the English Midlands. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* **29**, 357-394.

Roe, D. A. 1968. *A Gazetteer of British Lower and Middle Palaeolithic Sites*. CBA Research Report No. 8. p 134

Wymer, J. J. 1996. *The English Rivers Palaeolithic Project Regions 9 (Great Ouse Drainage) and 12 (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds)*. Wessex Archaeology. 70